

**Town of Brookline**  
**Surveillance Technology and Military-Type Equipment Study Committee**  
Bernard Greene, Chair **Date:** June 11, 2020

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**Committee members present:**

Bernard Greene, Chair  
C. Scott Ananian  
Sal D'Agostino  
Lt. Paul Campbell  
Sgt. Casey Hatchett  
Susan Howards  
Amy Hummel  
Igor Muravyov

**Non-committee members present:**

Emiliano Falcon, ACLU  
Harry Freidman  
Sam Nazari  
Janice Kahn  
617-731-xxxx (not further identified on webex)

**Committee members absent:**

Feng Yang (Acting CIO for Brookline, designee for Kevin Stokes)

Committee member Ananian agreed to take minutes.

**Discussion:**

1. Deferred approving minutes from 2020-03-05 and 2020-05-14.
2. Committee member D'Agostino does not yet have a draft for the statement discussing the link between privacy and security.
3. Discussing the planned report on Military-Type Equipment
  - a. Chair Greene discussed a need to describe mutual aid agreements with other Towns; eg recently Norfolk County sheriff sent a riot squad to our BLM demonstration, the squad were not well-identified.
  - b. Lt. Campbell reiterated that Brookline has not gotten any equipment via 1033 program; says that Brookline has never gotten any military-type equipment from UASI.
  - c. D'Agostino and Chair Greene reviewed the history of 1033 abuse in other communities.
  - d. Hummel explained that it is important to have policies in place, even if these programs haven't been used in the past. Policies related to mutual aid and the use of military-type equipment by our neighbors are also important.
  - e. Muravyov asked what the problems have been, especially wrt the recent mutual aid issue. Chair Greene described Norfolk County Sheriff's Department members whose badges were covered by their protective gear, and an ill-timed

deployment out of the parking garage which alarmed the demonstrators. Howards agreed with Muravyov's concerns about exceeding the scope of this committee.

- f. Lt Campbell agreed with chair Greene's concerns about the Norfolk County involvement in the recent demonstration. Hummel reiterated her concerns about mutual aid policy: what the limits are for what other neighboring departments might bring into our Town. Hatchett agreed with Hummel re looking into what resources might come into town in an incident, keeping in mind that we can't always predict what may become a concern in the future.
  - g. Ananian reiterated that the goal is to write down policies and procedures, so that any gaps in oversight or policy can be remedied. Not necessarily because bad things are currently happening, but to prevent them from happening in the future.
  - h. Hummel asks for a count of police department cameras, in addition to Town and CIMS cameras. D'Agostino suggests that exact locations don't need to be disclosed, but the purpose is helpful, since purpose drives policy.
  - i. Ananian suggests that Councilor Wu's resolution in Boston might be a useful guide for topics likely to be of interest in the Military-Type Equipment portion of the report.
  - j. Hatchett mentions that the BPD has put up a Facebook post responding to the policies advocated by 8 Can't Wait. She will share contents with the committee.
- 4. Deferred discussion of Brookline Public Safety App. Muratvov and D'Agostino will work on this.
  - 5. Facial Recognition. Hummel has a partial draft; she will share draft with Hatchett when complete. Discussion of next steps. Chair Greene suggests that public access to body camera footage raises new concerns. Chair Greene is concerned especially with outside agencies having access to body camera footage. Hatchett asks for this to be put on the agenda for a future meeting. Chair Greene notes that it was originally put outside the scope of this committee, but the intersection of face recognition raises issues which are in scope. Lt. Campbell is concerned about premature deletion of video. The Citizen Complaint Policy allows complaints to be lodged w/in 6 months of an incident. We want to ensure we have footage to respond to any possible complaints. Howards mentions that the defense bar may also weigh in; various other individuals may also be interested in body camera footage. Howards will check w/ various bar associations to see if they have recommendations. Ananian volunteered to check in w/ the Boston body camera policy. Lt Campbell had ready access to the policy, forwarded it to the committee.
  - 6. Education and Remote Learning: Ananian put in an inquiry with Ben Lummis, acting superintendent of schools; will follow up as well with the incoming superintendent. D'Agostino involved with Tech for Good in Canada, looking at IT policies there. Parallel research he'd be happy to share.

**Follow up items (in addition to drafts assigned above):**

1. Next meeting will be Thursday July 16 at 10:30am. Agenda will include some discussion of body cameras.